REMARKS

This RCE is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed February 5, 2008, and to the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed on May 1, 2008, in the above indicated case. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-5, 7-17, 19, 21-24, 47, 49-53, 55, 59, 64, and 66 are now pending in this Application. Claim(s) 1, 19,47 and 53 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled. In this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 19, 47, 53 and 59 have been amended. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended Applicants representative during a telephone call on June 4, 2008 wherein the advisory action was discussed.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-19, 21-24, 47, 49-53, 55, 59, 64, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 7-17, 19, 21-24, 47, 49-53, 55, 59, 60, 64, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,023,507 issued to Wookey ("Wookey"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations from claims 4 and 5 as follows:

"providing **data storage system search criteria including user authentication information** to a connection monitor computer system to produce a set of data storage system identities that meet the data storage system search criteria;

receiving a set of data storage system **identities including identities of data storage systems to which a user, identified by the user authentication information, is allowed to establish a packet communications session;**

allowing the user to select at least one data storage system identity from the set of data storage system identities;"

As to the limitation imported from claim 4

The Final Office Action states:

With respect to claim 4, Wookey (507) discloses the method of claim 2 wherein the step of receiving data storage system identity information comprises:

> receiving data storage system search criteria;

> providing data storage system search criteria to a connection monitor computer system to produce a set of data storage system identities that meet the data storage system search criteria; and

> receiving the set of data storage system identities that meet the data storage system search criteria; and

> allowing the user to select at least one data storage system identity from the set of data storage system identities.

Wookey (507) discloses that at startup, administration software searches for all monitor software on the same subnet (Col. 13, Lines 13-20). Thus, the criterion of the search is simply "all computers connected to this computer." This criterion is received from the administrator program code when the process begins to execute. The administrator software then displays a list of the accessible computers available for servicing, so that the user can select one to connect with (Fig. 8).

Applicants respectfully submit, that Wookey employs conventional call back security and as such neither teaches nor suggests "providing **data storage system search criteria including user authentication information** to a connection monitor computer system to produce a set of data storage system identities that meet the data storage system search criteria," because Wookey does not include data storage

systems which can queried for user authentication information. Further broadcasting on a subnet using UDP packets does not anticipate or render obvious, searching a data storage system with user authentication information, as no user information is required for a UDP broadcast.

As to the limitation imported from claim 5

The Final Office Action states:

> With respect to claims 5, Wookey (507) discloses the method of claim 4 wherein: the data storage system search criteria is received from at least one of: **system search criteria includes** identities of data storage systems to which
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> **a user identified by the portion of the user authentication information is**
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> **allowed to establish a packet communications session.**
> Since the invention of Wookey (507) searches for all connected computers when the administrator software starts running, one can say that the user supplies the search criteria by selecting which computers are on the same subnet as the computer running the administrator program (Col. 13, Lines 13-20). It is implicit that a program to inform the user of errors in the connected computers will apprise the user of any errors discovered (in other words, presenting a service ticket to the user). Wookey (507) discloses, in lines 50-54 of column 10, that the diagnostic data of the connected computers is password protected so that nobody other than a qualified service center engineer can access the information. Thus, since the search criteria are determined by physical connections (hard-wired) to the service computer, and access to the service computer is restricted by an authentication control subsystem, it is possible to state that the user authentication is a part of the search criteria because the user authentication is a component of one of the computers in the network which defines the search criteria.

> Applicants respectfully submit, that Wookey employs conventional call back security and as such neither teaches nor suggests "receiving a set of data storage system **identities including identities of data storage systems to which a user identified by the user authentication information, is allowed to establish a packet communications session,**" because as described above Wookey does not include data storage systems which can be identified for an allowable communications session.

> Claims 2, 19, 47 and 53 have been likewise amended, and the pending claims are now distinguishable over the prior art of record.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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